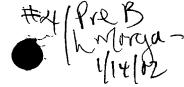
Ľ.J

ļ.ā



PATENT APPLICATION Attorney's Do. No. 4164-177



EXPRESS MAIL

MAILING LABEL NO. EL 730607306 US DATE OF DEPOSIT: APRIL 10, 2001

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER AND ENCLOSURES AND/OR FEE ARE BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" SERVICE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10 ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE AND IS ADDRESSED TO: BOX PATENT APPLICATION, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON D.C. 20231.

EHREN RHEA
(SENDER'S PRINTED NAME)

(SIGNATURE)

Box Patent Application Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Enclosed for filing is a patent application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of:

Inventor: John F. ACRES

For: METHOD FOR PROVIDING INCENTIVE TO PLAY GAMING

DEVICES CONNECTED BY A NETWORK TO A HOST COMPUTER

This application is a \boxtimes continuation, \square divisional, \square continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. 08/672,217, filed June 25, 1996.

Prior application info: Examiner: J. Cheng Group Art Unit 3713

Applicant requests FIG. 1 to be published with the application.

Enclosures:

Specification (pages 1-64); claims (pages 65 - 69); abstract (page 70)

34 sheet(s) of FORMAL drawings

Declaration or Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

 \square Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))

Incorporation by Reference--The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.



the state of the state of

Copies of Information Disclosure Statements with Form PTO 1449s and Form 892s from prior application

Return Postcard

CLAIMS AS FILED				
For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee \$355
Total Claims	20-20	0	x \$ 9 =	0
Independent Claims	3-3	0	x \$ 40 =	O
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$355

Cancel in this application original claims 21-27 of the prior application Serial No. 08/672,217 before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

Prease insert the following as the first paragraph of the specification in this application, below the title of the invention:

Cel 4/19/02 This application is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 08/672,217, filed June 25, 1996.

A check in the amount of \$355 (ck. no. 033003) to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 13-1703.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan T. McCollom Registration No. 28,881

MARGER JOHNSON & McCOLLOM, P.C. 1030 S.W. Morrison Street Portland, Oregon 97205 (503) 222-3613

20575 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE